(e)and(f) Carryover stock from Ist October, 2004 and production in 2004-05 sugar season together is expected to ensure adequate availability of sugar to meet domestic consumption in 2004-05 sugar season.

**Proper storage of foodgrains**

†525. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the available quantity of foodgrains in the country as on 30th June, 2005;

(b) the quantity of foodgrains spoiled/rotten during the last three years alongwith the cost assessed against rotten foodgrains;

(c) whether it is a fact that while foodgrains get rotten in godowns, the poor people of the country do not have access to the same and die of hunger as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The total stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 30th June, 2005 was 251.13 lakh tonnes.

(b) The quantity of foodgrains spoiled/damaged during the last three years alongwith the year-wise cost assessed against these foodgrains are as under:-

| Year | Quantity (in lakh tones) | Value (in Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 2002-2003 | 1.35 | 49.09 |
| 2003-2004 | 0.76 | 29.19 |
| 2004-2005 | 0.97 | 40.28 |
| | | (Provisional) |

(c) and (d) No Sir. Adequate quantitiy of foodgrains is being regularly allocated under Targetted Public Distribution System and various Welfare Schemes of the Government. The allocation of foodgrains for BPL families (including Antyodaya Anna Yojana families) and Welfare Schemes during 2003-2004 was 495.63 lakh tonnes against which the offtake was 334.69 lakh tonnes. For the year 2004-2005, the allocation for these schemes

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was 414.61 lakh tonnes against which the offtake was 333.47 lakh tonnes. No incident of starvation death has been reported by any State Government/Union Territories.

**Food subsidy**

†526. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of money being provided to the States in the form of Central Food subsidy for the past three years has been on the rise every year;

(b) if so, the amount of money provided to the States under this head during the last three years alongwith the names of the States;

(c) whether it is a fact Orissa is not being provided such aid under the head as per its requirement and demand; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the aid would be provided as per the demand and requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement showing the amount of food subsidy released to various States under the scheme of decentralized procurement (DCP) of foodgrains during the last three years is given in the Statement. (*See* Below)

(c) No, Sir. Food subsidy to each State under the DCP scheme, including Orissa, is released on the basis of quantities of foodgrains procured and distributed by the State Govt. under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes on applicable rate of subsidy.

(d) Does not arise.

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